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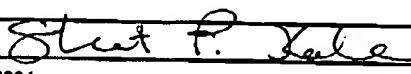
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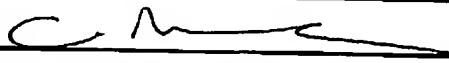
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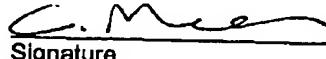
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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/051,612) Examiner: Bell, Paul A.
Filed: January 16, 2002)
For: CONVERSION OF A SUBPIXEL)
FORMAT DATA TO ANOTHER)
SUBPIXEL DATA FORMAT)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC 121

Applicant files herewith a Response to the Restriction Requirement contained in an Office Action mailed August 25, 2004.

The Examiner posits that there are four (4) inventions contained in the present application:

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- I. Claims 1-18, 34-42 drawn to "A method of converting a source pixel data of a first format to a second format", classified in class 345, subclass 603.
- II. Claims 19-24 drawn to "A method of determining a geometric center of each emitter of each three-color pixel element", classified in class 345, subclass 613.
- III. Claims 25-28 drawn to "A method of limiting filter kernel divisors in a filter kernel to a value designed to simplify hardware implementations", classified in 708, subclass 308.
- IV. Claims 29-33 drawn to "A method of operating spatial sampling filters", classified in class 382, subclass 260.

The Examiner finds that Groups I-IV are distinct from one another because:

Inventions I, II, III, and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The combinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as method for format conversion. Invention II has separate utility such as method for determining a geometric center of each emitter of each three-color pixel element. Invention III has separate utility such as method for calculating areas for filter coefficients using floating point arithmetic. Invention IV has separate utility such as method for turning on a first set of spatial sampling filters for subpixel rendered areas. See MPEP 806.05(d).

For purpose of advancing prosecution in the case, Applicant hereby elects Group 1 – Claims 1-18 and 34-42 for examination.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite the allowance of the claims, the Examiner is invited to contact Stuart P. Kaler at (707) 824-2487.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 10 Sept 04

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